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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF FRG-IRAQI RELATIONS

1. RESUMPTION OF FRG-IRAQI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BROKEN SINCE 1965, COMES AT TIME OF HEIGHTENED FRG ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN IRAQ AND SHORT OFFICIAL STATEMENT EMPHASIZES DESIRE "TO CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION". RESUMPTION RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO PUBLICITY.

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2. IN SHORT EXCHANGE WITH FRG DEPUTY FORMIN DR. SACHS, HE

TOLD ME NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARIES JAMALI AND TAQA AND AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN REACHED UNTIL AFTERNOON OF FEB 28. FRG CHARGE EICKHOFF TOLD ME MARCH 3 THAT GOI DECISION TO RESUME WITH FRG AND WITH UK CAME ABOUT AS RESULT OF JOBERT'S INITIATIVE. JOBERT HAD TOLD IRAQIS THAT IF THEY WANTED EUROPEAN-ARAB RELATIONSHIP IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL EC MEMBERS. ONCE GOI DECIDED TO DO SO, THEY ACTED WITH GREAT HASTE; E.G. GERMANS ASKED ON FEB 18 TO SEND DEL HEADED BY MINISTER BY FEB 28.

3. EICKHOFF SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD CENTERED ON WORDING OF COMMUNIQUE. IRAQIS HAD WANTED TO SAY RESUMPTION AT FRG INITIATIVE AND WOULD MEAN INITIATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SACHS HAD TURNED BOTH REQUESTS DOWN. GOI HAD ALSO SAID IRAQ WOULD LIKE ARMS AND HELP WITH ARMS FACTORIES. SACHS HAD REPLIED WITH STANDARD POLICY THAT FRG NO SEND ARMS TO AREAS OF TENSION.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS BAATH REGIME'S FIRST MAJOR POLITICAL STEP IN RESTORATION OF TIES WITH WEST AND IT IS FITTING THAT IT TOOK PLACE ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF IPC AGREEMENT WHICH CLEARED WAY FOR RESTORATION OF ECONOMIC TIES. REGIME'S ATTEMPT TO PLAY DOWN SIGNIFICANCE BELIEVED TO RESULT FROM ACCUSATIONS FROM PARTY MILITAMTS THAT RAPPROCHEMENT WITH WEST IS A "SELLING OUT" OF REVOLUTION. LOWRIE

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